

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 26, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BAKER, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany S. 950.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (S. 950) granting an increase of pension to Franklin C. Plantz, having had the same under consideration, recommend that after the word "Plantz," in line 5 in said bill, the words "of Hay Springs, Nebraska," be struck out so that it will read: "Franklin C. Plantz, late corporal of Company C," etc.; and with this amendment recommend that the bill do pass.

Franklin C. Plantz enlisted September 28, 1861, as a private in Company C, Fifty-first New York Volunteer Infantry. He was honorably discharged September 26, 1864, as a corporal of the same company. The records of the War Department show that he was on the rolls of the company from the day of his enlistment to August 31, 1862, marked "present;" during September and October the reports show him as being "discharged." On October 24, 1862, he reenlisted, being honorably discharged September 26, 1864. During his army career he served with Company C, Fifty-first New York Volunteers, and was assigned to Troop H, Second United States Cavalry. He is at present drawing a pension at the rate of \$8 per month for disease of stomach and heart, as a result of taking cold while sick with measles, contracted at Newbern, N. C., on or about the 29th day of March, 1862. He is at present suffering from disease of the heart and gastritis of the stomach, and is wholly incapacitated for manual labor. Thomas S. Townsend, compiler of the library of national, State, and individual records on deposit at Columbia College, New York, testifies to the gallantry of the said Corporal Franklin C. Plantz as follows:

At the battle of Roanoke Island, February 8, 1862, Sergeant Howard, of Company A, was shot and fell with the colors while charging the rebel battery; then another gallant standard-bearer fell while bearing the colors, but the colors were immediately seized by Franklin C. Plantz and were by him first planted upon the rebel works.

In a letter addressed to said Franklin C. Plantz, Thomas S. Townsend, compiler of Townsend's Individual Records, says:

206 WEST FIFTY-SECOND STREET,
New York, January 2, 1895.

DEAR SIR: I send you with pleasure the accompanying statement from my work (referred to above) in regard to your heroic services in the war, and have no doubt,

if properly brought to the attention of the Honorable Secretary of War, will be recognized as an act of gallantry worthy of recognition by the Government.

With my best wishes for the noble result of your application at Washington, I am,
Yours, very truly,

THOMAS S. TOWNSEND, *Compiler.*

Corporal PLANTZ.

The said Franklin C. Plantz is now past 55 years of age, and in view of his honorable record your committee do recommend the passage of this bill.

